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Applicant(s): Marshall	: Group Art Unit: 3691
Serial No.: 10/829,032	: Examiner: Subramanian
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For: A METHOD FOR HEDGING ONE OR MORE LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 26, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 26, 2008 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The February 26, 2008 Office Action provided a period of 1 month in which to file a response, i.e., by March 26, 2008. A Petition for a five-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Accordingly, a reply is now due by August 26, 2008 and this Amendment is being timely filed.